

Community Reporting Areas for Seattle & Census 2000 Tracts



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Notes:

- 1) Proposed and approved as a standard, consistent, citywide geography for reporting purposes across all departments, as appropriate.
- 2) 53 CRAs were identified in the proposal. The CRAs can be aggregated into CRA Groups which can be used to approximate the geographic areas of the 13 neighborhood districts. CRAs are derived from census tract (2000) geography.
- 3) This is not an attempt to identify neighborhood boundaries as defined by neighborhoods themselves.
- 4) The following geographies were reviewed during this effort:
 - neighborhood planning areas (DON);
 - neighborhood districts (DON/CNC/Neighborhood District Councils);
 - city sectors/neighborhood plan implementation areas (DON);
 - urban centers/urban villages (DPD);
 - population sub-areas (DPD);
 - Neighborhood Map Atlas (City Clerk);
 - Census 2000 geography;
 - topography; and,
 - various other geographic information sources related to neighborhood areas.
- 5) The following criteria for a CRA geography were defined for this effort:
 - no overlapping areas;
 - complete coverage of the city;
 - suitable scale to represent neighborhood areas/conditions;
 - reasonably stable over time;
 - consistent with census geography;
 - relatively easy to use in a data context;
 - familiar system of common place names; and,
 - respects neighborhood district geography.
- 6) The CRA common place names denoted on this map are an alternative form of general identification and reference (an alternative to the CRA numeric ID system). More detailed common place name references can be found in an associated look-up table.
- 7) The CRA concept was conceived and evaluated by a working group that included staff from the following offices: DON, DPD, DOIT, OSE, SDOT, and SPU. Staff from DON and DPD worked closely together to define a suitable proposed CRA geography. Additionally, staff from the City Clerk's Office worked with the working group to explain the background and purpose of the Neighborhood Map Atlas.
- 8) Outreach to departments and staff has been completed by way of: DON Management Team and Senior Staff, Growth Management Sub-Cabinet, Capital Cabinet, Business Management Council, GIS Board, and Executive Senior Staff.

